

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 9, 10, 16, 17, 24-29, 35, 43-48, and 54 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-5, 9, 10, 16, 17, 24-29, 35, 43-48, and 54 have been amended, and Claims 6-8, 11, 12, 30, 31, 36, 49, 50 and 55 have been canceled without prejudice.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-12, 16-17, 24-31, 35-36, 43-50, 54 and 55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101; and Claims 1-12, 16-17, 24-31, 35-36, 43-50, 54 and 55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 1-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 101, Claims 1-5, 9, 10, 16, 17, 24-29, 35, 43-48, and 54 have been amended in light of the comments noted in the outstanding Office Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested this rejection be withdrawn.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 1-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Claims 1-5, 9, 10, 16, 17, 24-29, 35, 43-48, and 54 have been amended in light of the comments noted in the outstanding Office Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested this rejection be withdrawn.

### CONCLUSION

In light of the arguments set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that the Application is now in allowable form. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request consideration and allowance of the currently pending claims.

A fee for a one month extension in the amount of \$60 and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge this fee as well as any other fees or overpayments that may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 07-0153. The Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney for any reason that would advance the current application to issue. Please reference Attorney Docket No. 130149-1000.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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